

**REMARKS**

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 and 10 are canceled herein.

Claims 6-9 are "objected to". Therefore, claims 6 and 7 are amended to be in independent form. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6-9 should now be allowable.

Claims 2-5 are amended to be dependent from claim 6 (which should now be allowable). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5 should now be allowable.

New claims 11-14 are added. These claims are similar to claims 2-5, respectively, but depend from claim 7 (which should now be allowable). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11-14 should be allowable.

New claims 15-17 are also added. Please note that claim 16 recites that the electric path has a substantially linear structure (see also, for example, "objected to" claim 6).

Regarding new claim 17, please see FIGS. 4, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12, which show a curved portion 15d projecting upward. In FIG. 12, the curved portion 15d is projected upward in somewhat a slant manner.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-9 and 11-17 are currently pending.

**II. CONCLUSION**

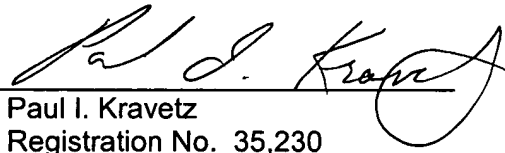
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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